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SUBJECT: ZUNIGA'S POLITICAL UNION REPORT

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 3843, GUATEMALA 4929, SAN SALVADOR 3852

1. WE SHARE THE SKEPTICISM EXPRESSED BY EMBASSIES TEGUCIGALPA, SAN SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA CONCERNING ZUNIGA'S "POLITICAL UNION" REPORT. WHILE WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THIS WITH GENERAL SOMOZA AND HE HAS NOT MENTIONED IT TO US, WE DOUBT THAT HIS CLOSE FRIEND GENERAL LOPEZ WOULD ENGAGE IN ANY SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF POLITICAL UNION WITHOUT INFORMING SOMOZA.

2. ON THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF CA FEDERATION, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THIS WAS LAST ACTIVELY DISCUSSED AT A MARCH 6-9, 1972 MEETING OF CA PRESIDENTS IN GUATEMALA. GENERAL SOMOZA, WHO WAS AT THAT TIME PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA, STRONGLY OPPOSED A PROPOSAL FOR TAKING INITIAL STEPS TOWARD POLITICAL CONFEDERATION ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT CONTAINED LITTLE OF INTEREST TO NICARAGUA (MANAGUA 529,

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MARCH 6, 1972). SOMOZA PUBLICLY STATED HIS OPPOSITION AT A PRESS

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